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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION**

STATE OF UTAH,  
STATE OF WYOMING,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

DEB HAALAND, in her official capacity as  
the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the  
Interior; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE  
INTERIOR; TRACY STONE-MANNING, in  
her official capacity as the Director of the  
Bureau of Land Management; and U.S.  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT,

*Defendants.*

**JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME TO FILE SCHEDULING ORDER**

Case No. 2:24-cv-00438

Judge David Barlow  
Magistrate Judge Daphne A. Oberg

Plaintiffs and Federal Defendants jointly request this Court extend by two weeks the deadline for the parties to file their proposed scheduling order. In support of this request, Plaintiffs and Defendants state as follows:

1. Federal Defendants filed their answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint on August 27, 2024, triggering the 14-day deadline under DUCivR 7-4(c) for filing a proposed scheduling order. Dkt. 45.

2. Pursuant to DUCivR 7-4(c), the proposed scheduling order is therefore due on or before September 10, 2024.

3. Plaintiffs and Defendants have conferred regarding the proposed scheduling order and exchanged drafts of the same. However, counsel needs additional time to confer with their clients regarding the deadlines set forth therein.

4. Additionally, the Parties have fully briefed a Motion for Preliminary Injunction, ECF No. 18, which raises some uncertainty regarding the schedule for briefing on the merits.

5. The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and other environmental groups filed a Motion to Intervene, ECF No. 28, and that motion remains pending. The resolution of the motion to intervene could affect the merits briefing schedule.

6. A court in the District of Wyoming issued an order transferring a case challenging the same U.S. Bureau of Land Management rule that is challenged in this case to the District of Utah. *See* Order Granting Defendants' Unopposed Motion to Transfer, *Am. Farm Bureau Fed'n v. U.S. Dept. of the Interior*, No. 1:24-cv-136-ABJ (Sept. 10, 2024), ECF No. 19. The Parties need time to discuss whether and how the briefing of that case should be coordinated with the briefing of this one.

7. A short, two-week extension of time to file a proposed scheduling order would allow the existing parties sufficient time to meet and confer and attempt to work together to develop a mutually agreeable proposed scheduling order for this Court's consideration. This would conserve the parties' and the Court's resources.

For these reasons, Plaintiffs and Defendants respectfully request this Court extend the deadline for filing a proposed scheduling order by two weeks – to September 24, 2024 – to allow the parties additional time to finalize a proposed scheduling order.

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